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Quonset Point November 9, 2022

Jeffrey M. Willis
Coastal Resource Management Council
4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 3
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Dear Mr. Willis,

At the Revolution Wind public hearing on November 1, 2022 (CRMC File No.: 2021-07-005) we learned that the survey work that has been conducted to identify a route for the 21-mile-long cable that will pass through RI waters and the West Passage of Narragansett Bay identified seven cable crossings that will result in the cable lying closer to the water/sediment interface than the targeted 4-6 feet into the sediment. We also learned that an estimated 10 percent of the cable will be exposed on the bottom and be covered with rock bags and mattresses. There was also testimony indicating that 49 boulders will have to be removed and placed 10 meters from the cable excavation route. There was also testimony stating that mussels, oysters, and clams will recover in a couple of years.

In an earlier meeting, held at GSO, we were told that shellfish dredges could be towed over the excavation site. With 10% of the cable on the surface and 49 boulders scattered across the bottom towing a shellfish dredge in the excavated area would be too dangerous. In a letter dated October 29, 2022 we expressed concern about the impact of sedimentation, heavy metals and electromagnetic fields on the shellfish resources we rely on for the success of our business. We would like to add the fact that we would no longer be able to tow a shellfish dredge in the excavated area.

We were planning to express these concerns at the public hearing but the meeting was adjourned without the opportunity for public comment.

Sincerely,



Bill Silkes, President